

U.S. Representative Jo Bonner, R-Alabama, voted for the "Require a Plan Act" to require President Obama to submit a plan for a balanced budget.

The "Require a Plan Act" (HR 444) passed the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday, 253 to 167.

"The President of the United States is required by law to transmit to Congress his budget on or after the first Monday in January but not later than the first Monday in February," Congressman Bonner said. "That deadline has come and gone and we are still waiting on the president's fiscal 2014 budget.

"Not only has the president failed to submit his new budget on time, but he has done so four out of five times since first taking office. When his budgets have arrived on Capitol Hill, they have been consistently lopsided, adding trillions of dollars in debt and deficits for the foreseeable future.

"Meanwhile, the Democrat-led Senate has failed to even pass a budget plan of its own in nearly four years. Given the White House and Senate's disregard for submitting responsible budgets on time, it is no wonder that federal debt has risen by nearly \$6 trillion since 2009.

"Just as the House passed the 'No Budget, No Pay Act' last month to push the Senate to finally do its job and pass a budget, the House has voted today to send a signal to the president that the American people want their leaders in Washington to enact a responsible federal budget on time."

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